

(Continuation of 10/277,967)
Preliminary Amendment dated January 8, 2004

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination of the claims on the merits.

Claims 1-8 have been canceled and Claims 9-22 have been added. No new matter is added. Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for any underpayment related to the filing of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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